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*Edinburgh, Thurſday, December 12, 1728.*

*From the Evening Poſt, Dec. 5.*

*Moſcow, Nov. 10.*

TWo Days ago the Emperor and all the Court returned hither from Jaroſlow, as alſo the ſame Day a Courier with Diſpatches from General Warbach, importing that the Coſſacks, who ſome Years ago put themſelves under the Protection of the Emperor, and had ſince entertained the Deſign of returning to that of the Port, have been obliged by him to give new Security by ſending Hoſtages to Poltowa. After which the General remanded back to their former Quarters, moſt of the Troops he had drawn together, keeping no more than 15,000 Foot, and 400 Horſe, who are poſted on the Borders and Banks of the River Dnieper, to watch the Motions of the Tartars: He adds, That the Forts lately built in thoſe Parts, are now brought to Perfection, and provided with all Manner of Neceſſaries, and concludes with ſaying, that the Province of Ukrain is now ſecured againſt all Attempts of the Enemy. The good Conduct of the ſaid General, and the important Services done by him, are ſo acceptable to the Empetor, that he has thought fit of beſtowing on him the noble Order of St. Andrew, and augmenting his Salary with 4000 Rubles a Year, appointing him alſo General in Chief of all the Regular Troops poſted between the Dnieper and the Pruth. 'Tis talked that inſtead of the Free Gift, which the Clergy of this Empire uſed to give to the Emperor, a General Tax will be laid on all Eccleſiaſtical Revenues, conformable to the Scheme drawn up by the late Emperor, Grand Father to his preſent Majeſty. Several Merchants are gone to Tobolskoy, to give proper Orders for the Caravan which is to depart for China, under a Guard of 40 Men. His Imperial Majeſty will appoint a Ruſſian Nobleman and a Foreign Merchant with the Character of Ambaſſador to the Emperor of China. 'Tis talked alſo that two Perſons of Diſtinction will be ſent with the like Character to the young Sophi of Perſia.

*Hamburg, Nov. 3.* The laſt Letters we received from Berlin ſay, that it was hotly diſcourſed there that the Royal Prince of Pruſſia would ſhortly go to a certain Court they do not name, but add, that a very magnificent Equipage was actually getting ready for that Purpoſe.

*Florence, Nov. 20.* The great Duke our Sovereign is now perfectly recovered, in ſo much that ſcarce a Day paſſes but he gives Audience to his Miniſters.

*Genoa, Nov. 26.* We are informed from Marſeilles, That the Traders of that City have fitted out two Fregates of 22 Guns each, and two other Veſſels of 12, to give Chaſe to the Corſairs of Tripoli; and that Orders have been ſent by the Court of France, both to that Place and Thoulon, for fitting out with all Expedition poſſible, all the largeſt Men of War, that they may be ready to put to Sea early next Spring.

*Paris, Oct. 3.* The Court has provided 2 Millions for the Charge of the new Expedition intended againſt the Town of Tripoli. They have received from the Count de Brancas, Ambaſſador of this Crown at the Court of Madrid, a very circumſtantiate Account of the great Demonſtrations of Joy given by the Court of Spain, on account of the Recovery of our Monarch. 'Tis diſcourſed that the Duke de Treſmes has received a Letter from the Marquis de Montemar, the Contents of which occaſions much Speculation.

*London, Dec. 5.* A Gentleman having agreed to pay for as many Oiſters as a Maid at the Swan Tavern in Red Lyon Street ſhould eat, ſhe ate upwards of 700, at the Rate of four a Peny, without a Morſel of Bread; and one Day this Week ſhe is to eat a Buſhel, upon a Wager.

Two Ships have lately ſailed from Oſtend, the one for Bengal, the other for China.

*From the St. James's Evening-Poſt, Decem. 5.*

*Rome, Nov. 20.* On the 7th Inſtant at Father Viviani, a Dominican, who is the Pope's Confeſſor, was

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was going into the Pope's Chamber, he obſerved him leaning upon his Chair in ſuch a melancholly thoughtful Poſture, that he thought it good Manners to withdraw for fear of diſturbing him in his Meditations; but the Pope perceiving it, called him back, and ſaid to him, *Be not ſurpriſed Father to ſee me ſo penſive; for I am conſidering, ſince ſome late Advices, that if I ſhould die, my poor Countrymen of Benevento, whom I have preferred to Offices, will be all murdered, or at leaſt ſo ill uſed, that they'll be forced to leave Rome; therefore I long for March next, when I deſign to carry them all with me to my dear City of Benevento, and there live and die with them.*

*From the Whitehall Evening Poſt, Dec. 5.*

*Portſmouth, Decem. 2.* On Friday Night arriv'd at St. Helen's the Greyhound Man of War, Capt. Baker, from Jamaica, and Yeſterday ſhe ſailed again for Deptford. A Man of War and 11 Merchant-ſhips, outward bound, belonging to Hamburg, are put in to Stocks-Bay, near Spithead. The Adventure Man of War, now at Spithead, will ſail with the firſt fair Wind for Plymouth, having Money on board for paying the Guardſhips in that Harbour.

On Friday laſt about 6 in the Evening, the Stage Coach from London was ſtopt in the Town of Low Layton by a ſingle Highwayman, who robb'd the Paſſengers of about 7 ſh.

And upon Saturday about 5 in the Evening, the Stage Coach from London to Croydon was ſtop'd beyond Streatham by a ſingle Highwayman, who took 40 ſh. from the Paſſengers.

This Day one Henry Wright a Cobler, who lodges next Door to the Crown and Cuſhion in Oxford Road, ſets out with his Attorney for Cambrige, to take Poſſeſſion of a conſiderable Eſtate left him by a Relation.

*From the Poſt Boy, Decem. 5.*

*Naples, Novem.* 3. Great Rejoicings have been made at Meſſina, on account of the Imperial Patent for Freedom of that Port, which 'tis hoped will be made the Staple for all Goods from the Levant for the Ports of Italy.

*Stockholm, Nov.* 8. His Majeſty has promiſed to uſe his good Offices in favours of the Nobility of Livonia and other Provinces conquer'd by the Ruſſians, who, according to the Tenor of the Treaty of Niewſtadt, ought to be maintain'd in the Poſſeſſion of all the Privileges granted them by the Kings of Sweden.

*Vienna, Nov.* 26. The Miniſters of the Emperor flatter themſelves with the Hopes of great Advantages from the Privileges granted to Meſſina, by declaring it a Free Port: Beſides which, among other Immunities, free Liberty of Conſcience for all Religions is allowed to ſuch Perſons as ſhall ſettle there, who thereby are wholly excepted from the Power of the Inquiſition.

*Copenhagen Nov.* 27. An Edict is now in the Preſs, and will ſhortly be publiſhed, for regulating the Faſhion of the Cloaths, and Sorts of Stuffs to be worn by Perſons of all Denominations, from the higheſt to the loweſt.

*Rome, Nov.* 20. We hear there is now greater Hopes than ever of an Accommodation between this Court and that of Portugal. 'Tis talked that the Chevalier de St. George will ſhortly come and reſide here again with his Court, under Pretence that the Air of Bologna does not agree with his Conſtitution.

*Coningsberg, Nov.* 3. The Report which a certain Poliſh Gentleman, who lives on the Borders of Pruſſia, had cauſed to be ſpread both in Poland and Pruſſia, That a Body of 100 Pruſſians had entred his Territory to raiſe Recruits, and wholly ruined his Vaſſals, is falſe and groundleſs. The Truth of the Matter is, That the King of Pruſſia having received Information, that this ſame very Gentleman had committed great Diſorders within the Pruſſian Territories, and carried off abundance of Cattle which belonged to the Subjects of his Majeſty; who was pleaſed to order (on the Refuſal made by the ſaid Gentleman, to reſtore what he unjuſtly detained) that a Detachment ſhould be ſent to retake the ſaid Cattle by Force, which was accordingly put in Execution.

*St. Sebaſtian's, Nov.* 26. A Ship arrived near this Place a few Days ago from the Havana; but on Enquiry, ſhe did not appear to have been regularly licenſed for coming from thence, for which Reaſon, the Ship with her Cargo was ſeiz'd and confiſcated, and the Captain with her Crew are put up in Priſon.

*Wye's*

*Wye's Letter, verbatim, London, Decem 7.*

*Since our laſt arrived a Mail from Holland, and one from France.*

THere was an extraordinary Levee Yeſterday at Sir Robert Walpole's, among whom were the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Scarbrough, Maſter of Horſe to the King, the Lord Malpas, who is made Maſter of the Horſe to his R. Highneſs Prince Frederick, as is the Marquis of Caernarvon, one of the Gentlemen of his Bedchamber.

The ſame Day Count Kinski, the Emperor's Ambaſſador, waited on his Royal Highneſs, and congratulated him on his ſafe Arrival in this Kingdom. And this Day the eldeſt Son of that Miniſter ſets out for France. But the Yeſterday's Mail from thence, makes no Mention of the King of Spain's final Anſwer to the laſt Propoſals for a Truce or Peace being yet arrived, nor was it yet known when it would, by reaſon of ſome Obſtacles that are ſaid to be ſtill in the way, particularly with reſpect to certain Pretenſions ſtill inſiſted upon by his Catholic Majeſty; who we lately mentioned, had ordered great Numbers of Soldiers to be drawn down to the Sea Coaſt of Galicia, under Pretence of guarding the Ships building at St. Andero and other Pluces.

We have now to add, that the Townſhend Packet Boat arrived the 29th paſt at Falmouth from Corunna, brings Account that great Armaments were making all along that Coaſt. But if, after all the gentle and tender Methods, and the moſt juſt and equitable Terms that have been propoſed to the Court of Madrid for procuring Peace, ſhould prove ineffectual, the whole Nation cannot but be filled with Reſentment at ſuch Proceedings, and exert herſelf with the utmoſt Vigor in reducing them to Reaſon, and obtaining full Satisfactiou for the Loſſes our Merchants have ſuſtained by their Privateers, &c.

The Proclamation for calling the Parliament to meet the 21ſt of January is publiſhed.

By the Holland Mail there is a Lettar from Paris of the 6th Inſtant adviſing, That his Moſt Chriſtian Majeſty has given freſh Aſſurances to the K. of Great Britain, for fulfilling all the Engagements he has entered into by the Treaty of Hanover.

Mean time it tells us, that the Duke de Bourbonville was expected there the Beginning of next Month; and that they flatter themſelves he will be charged with favourable Inſtructions for terminating the Congreſs of Soiſſons by a Truce, and ſecuring the Tranquillity of Europe.

We are told from Hanover, That they are under great Affliction there upon account of the Departure of Prince Frederick, particularly for his extraordinary Qualifications. Count Bothmar is to go ſoon after Chriſtmaſs to Hanover.

From whence his Royal Highneſs had Yeſterday ſome Letters from divers Perſons of Quality, and on reading them, it was obſerved Tears came from his Eyes.

This Day at Noon his R. Highneſs received the Compliments of Congratulation on his ſafe Arrival in this Kingdom, from the L. Mayor, Aldermen, &c. of this City, to which he returned a moſt obliging Anſwer. And they all had the Honour to kiſs R. Highneſs's Hands.

A Reconciliation is bringing about betwixt the two Dutcheſſes of Marlborough; the young Dutcheſs was viſited one Day this Week by the Duke of Newcaſtle upon that Account.

Three Ships arrived this Day from Cadix, but give no Account of the Galleons being arrived, as was ſaid.

This Day William Hall was tried for the ſeveral Forgeries he is charged with, and found guilty of all of them. He had three eminent Councils, but his Caſe was ſo flagrant, that little to the Purpoſe could be ſaid in his Defence. He is to receive Jugment next Seſſions.

'Tis ſaid that the *Adventure* Man of War, which ſailed the 3d Inſtant from Spitehead, is not to open her Orders till they come to the Lizard Point.

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*From the Evening Poſt, Decem 7.*

*London, Dec,* 7. Advices from Madrid informed us ſome Time ago, That ten Spaniſh Regiments, three Battallions of Spaniſh and three of Walloon Guards were ordered to the Sea Coaſt of Gallicia, as it was ſaid to Guard the Ships building at St. Andero and other Places; and that they were to begin their March the 10th of October N. S. Capt. Cooper

Cooper of the Townshend reports, That great Armaments are making all along that Coast.

The Fleet from Rio de Janeiro arrived at Lisbon on the 14th past, consisting of 2 Men of War and 9 Merchant-ships, the Cargo whereof is said to be 2000 Chests of Suggar, 80,000 Hides, and 8 Million of Crusadoes, three and an half for the King, and 4, 1 half for the Merchants.

*Glasgow, Decem.* 7. 1728.

Meal, from 08 00 00. to 08 16 00.
Bear, from 08 10 00. to 09 10 00.

*Edinburgh, Decem.* 12. We are well assur'd, that the Ingenious Dr. EDWARD GREEN, among his other incredible Performances here and all other Places he has been, has (as advertised in the Prints) perfectly cur'd several Gentlemen and others in this Place of all manner of Hesitation and Stammering in the Speech, to the Satisfaction and unspeakable Surprize of every Body. We hear the Doctor leaves this City in a few Days.

Great Testimonies of Joy have been shewn here by the Magistrates and others of this Place, on account of his R. Highness Prince Frederick's Arrival in Britain.

The Proclamation for calling the Parliament against the 21st next Month, &c. was this Day over the Cross.

This Day, it is High Water at Leith, at 8 a-clock, 44 Minutes. Tomorrow, at 9, 32 Min. On Saturday, at 10, 20 Min.

## ADVERTISEMENTS.

¶¶¶ That JOHN THOMSON, Merchant, above the Sign of the Red Lyon, opposite to the Lucken-Booths, continues to buy all Sorts of Old and Foreign COIN, as formerly.

¶¶† That a Genral Meeting of the Honourable Company of HUNTERS is to be held at William Morgan's in Leith, upon Monday the 23d Instant; where all the Members are desired to be present.

*This by Order of the Preses and Council.*
DAVID BAIRD, Cashier.

¶¶¶ There is just come to Leith, a Parcel of fine FIGS both in Cask and Frails, which will be sold there at reasonable Rates, in Wholesale or Retail, by William Caldwall Merchant, at his House in the Head of the Rotten-row.

†*† There is just now come home from Spain, a Parcel of good Limons and Oranges, also a Parcel of fresh Chesnuts and Walnuts, &c. As likewise from England, a Parcel of good Pippins, Golden Pippens, Kentish Pippens, Nonpareils, Peermains, and all Sorts of Baking Apples, to be sold at Archibald Sheill's Shop at the Hand and Orange, South side of the Street, a little below the Cross-well, at the following Prices, viz. Limons at 1 L. 10 sh. per Chest, or at ten pence per Dozen: Bitter and Sweet Oranges, at reasonable Rates: Chesnuts and Wallnuts, at 1 L. 5 sh. per Bushel, or at 8 pence the Long hundred. Spanish Nuts at 4 d. per Pint. The same are to be had at his Warehouse in Leith, the first Loft above the Weigh-house. All Sorts of Suggars can be furnished at Mr. Shiells's Shop at reasonable Prices.

*By Order of the Directors of the Edinburgh Friendly Insurance,*

These are intimating, That all Bonds granted for the Insurance Præmiums, and not renewed as directed by the last General Meeting of the Society, are put in the Hands of the Society's Secretary, with Orders to do Diligence upon them, in case those, who have hitherto neglected, do to renew their respective Bonds, betwixt and the twenty-eight Day of December next to come.

THO. ELIOT Secretary

†*† By Order of the Honourable COURT of DELEGATES, appointed by his Majesty for determining such Appeals from the late *Commissioners of Inquiry*, as concern the forfeited Estates in Scotland, and remain yet undetermined, pursuant to an Act pass'd in the late Session of Parliament, entituled, *An Act to explain and amend an Act past in the Thirteenth Year of his late Majesty's Reign*, entituled, *An Act for Sale of such of the forfeited Estates in that Part of Great Britain call'd Scotland as remain unsold and are vested in the Crown; and for Determining such Claims on the said Estates, as having been duly entred, remain undetermin'd:*

These are to give Notice, That the said COURT is to meet every Friday during this Winter-Session, at 3 a-clock after Noon, at their Office in Edinburgh, for Hearing and Determining all such Appeals. And to the effect none may pretend Ignorance thereof, these are therefore advertising all Appellants, furthwith to lodge their Appeals in the Hands of Mr. Charles St. Clair of Hermiston, Advocate, or of Joseph Pringle, Esq; Clerks of the said Court; And requiring all Respondents to attend the respective Diets of the said COURT, in order to put in their *Answers*, and otherwise be heard in their Defence: Certifying all concerned, That the COURT will proceed summarly, as the Law directs. And all Appellants and Respondents are to take this Advertisement in place of all furder Notice.

*By Order of the COURT.*
CHA. St. CLAIR, Clerk.

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